

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, June 22, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded hearings to examine the threat of fugitives to safety, law, and order, after receiving testimony from

Senator Dorgan; John W. Marshall, Director, and Israel Brooks, Jr., Marshall for the District of South Carolina, both of the United States Marshall Service, Department of Justice; Edward T. Norris, Baltimore Police Department, Maryland; Patrick Sullivan, Sheriff of Arapahoe County, Colorado, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association; and Kevin M. Horton, Massachusetts State Police, Framingham.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4729–4732, 4734–4742; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res 103, H. Con. Res. 363–364, and H. Res 531, were introduced. **Pages H5083–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4227, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the number of aliens granted nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to implement measures to prevent fraud and abuse in the granting of such status, amended (H. Rept. 106–692);

H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–693).

H.R. 4446, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; referred sequentially to the House Committee on Armed Services for a period ending not later than July 21, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–694, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions, amended; referred sequentially to the House Committee on Armed Services for a period ending not later than July 21, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–695, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security, amended H. (Rept. 106–696, Pt. 1).

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Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House considered amendments to H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and

State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages H5039–72**

Agreed To:

Waxman amendment that allows reimbursement to the Justice Department for litigation filed before January 1, 2000, that has received funding under section 109 of Public Law 103–317, thereby allowing the Veterans Administration to transfer funding for the lawsuit against tobacco companies (agreed to by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 319); and **Pages H5039–46**

English amendment No. 61 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for USTR trade monitoring staff by \$3 million and decreases Commerce Department General Administration funding accordingly. **Pages H5051–53**

Rejected:

Davis amendment No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike the Department of Justice's exemption to the payment of overtime to its attorneys (rejected by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 320); and

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Coble amendment No. 56 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for the Patent and Trademark Office by \$133.8 million and decrease the Economic and Statistical Analysis, Bureau of the Census, and Educational and Cultural Exchange Program accounts accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 321). **Pages H5055–70, H5071**

Points of order sustained against:

Jackson-Lee amendment No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to institute an \$8 user fee for certain cruise ship passengers. **Page H5049**

Obey amendment No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for trade compliance activities; **Pages H5049–51**

Kaptur amendment that sought to make available funding for communities adversely affected by the implementation of permanent normal trade relations with China; **Pages H5054–55**

H. Res. 529, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on June 22.

Further Consideration of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 4690 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 529 and the order of the House of June 22, 2000, except as specified, each amendment shall be debatable only for 10 minutes; that amendment No. 23 shall be debatable only for 30 minutes; and that amendment No. 60 shall be debatable for 60 minutes. **Page H5072**

Late Report—Energy and Water Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Page H5072**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 26. **Pages H5073–74**

Meeting Hour—Monday, June 26: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26 for morning-hour debates. **Page H5074**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 28. **Page H5070**

Prisoners of War Held in Iraq: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements. Agreed to amend the concurrent resolution and agreed to amend the preamble. **Pages H5074–75**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5085.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5045–46, H5070–71, and H5071. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOE PROGRAM—DEVELOP PERMANENT GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing to examine the status of the Department of Energy program to develop a permanent geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive

waste. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gibbons and Berkley; Ivan Itkin, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Carl Paperiello, Deputy Executive Director, Materials Research and State Programs, NRC; Steve Page, Director, Office of Radiation, EPA; Debra S. Knopman, member, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; and a public witness.

COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Combating Money Laundering Worldwide. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: William F. Wechsler, Special Advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary for Money Laundering; James F. Sloan, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and James C. Varrone, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Edward M. Guillen, Chief, Financial Operations Section, DEA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE INDUSTRY—STATE OF COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Concluded oversight hearings on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry: Part 2. Testimony was heard from Tom Walker, Commissioner, Department of Aviation, Chicago, Illinois; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 26 through July 1, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4577, Labor/HHS/Education.

During the remainder of the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 2549, Defense Authorization, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: June 26, to hold hearings on the hardships that dialysis patients endure and the options for improving the government's oversight, 1:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Armed Services: June 27, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Tommy R. Franks, United States Army, to be General; and Lt. Gen. William